(*a*) when the contract for the transportation of Diesel Oil (for the use of State Transport Buses) from Cochin to Quilon was assigned to the present contractor ;

(*b*) whether any tender was invited for the same at that time ; and

(*c*) when his term of contract expires ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) No contract was assigned for the transport of diesel oil from Cochin to Quilon.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (a) these questions do not arise.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know from Government whether any contract was given for the transportation of crude oil ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Yes Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether any tender was invited at that time ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Yes, Sir.

Die-sets for the manufacture of blanks for coins.

257. ✻ **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR ;** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Die-sets for the manufacture of blanks for coins are cast here ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative why it cannot be cast here ;

(*c*) how many can be minted with one die-set (upper and lower die) ; and

(*d*) whether worn out dies are used for minting coins in the Government Mint ?

MR. M GOVINDA PILLAI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The mint is not at present equipped with the machinery required for casting Die-sets for the manufacture of blanks.

(*c*) About 3 lakhs of coins.

(*d*) No.

Ochira-Thamarakulam Road.

258 ✻ **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Ochira-Thamarakulam road was completed by the Public two years ago ;

(*b*) whether the people of the locality sent representations to Government regarding this matter ; and

(*c*) whether the people of the locality have any other means of approach into the interior except along this road ?

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MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (*a*) No. Some earthwork in raising and widening the road has been done by the people two years ago.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know from Government whether the P. W. D. intends taking up that road next year?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: No Sir, not next year?

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know from Government when the P. W. D. will be pleased to take up that work?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: That depends upon the availability of the funds.

Road from Ochira to Vallikunnam.

259. ❊MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the people of Vallikunnam pakuthi in Mavelikara taluk for getting the ryots road from Ochira to Vallikunnam gravelled; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for not gravelling the road?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For want of funds.

Road from Kayamkulam to Pullukulangara.

260. ❊MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the people of Kandalloor, Keerikad and Arattupuzha pakuthies of the Kartikapalli taluk for gravelling the road from Kayamkulam to Pullukulangara and thence to the backwaters; and

(*b*) if so, whether any action was taken on it?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is being enquired into.

State Congress meeting in Nagercoil.

261. ❊MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any State Congress meeting was held in Nagercoil on 7th Meenam or 7th Pankuny 1114; and

(*b*) whether it was declared to be unlawful assembly?

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know from Government whether the State Congress meeting referred to became an unlawful assembly at the commencement of the meeting or towards the close of the meeting?

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, the matter is *sub judice* and so I am not in a position to give any detailed information.

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